

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-13 and 16-18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Conveying device for conveying workpieces, ~~for example~~ in a production line, the conveying device comprising

at least one driving line divided into several sections and the driving line of each section being able independently from the other sections to convey workpieces, and ~~characterised in that~~

at least one central drive ~~(1)~~ is being provided which drives via a coupling ~~(2)~~ the driving line of the section ~~(3)~~ for a conveying of the workpieces ~~(4)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the driving line of at least a first section is at least one of designed essentially identically with the driving line of a second section ~~and/or~~ and the driving line connecting the sections is essentially ~~identically~~ identical with the driving line in the section.

3. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ a further comprising at least one continuous drive shaft ~~(5)~~ or several driving shafts (5) each

driving several sections ~~(3)~~ is, ~~respectively are,~~ provided which ~~drive(s)~~ drives via a coupling the section ~~(3)~~ for a conveying of the workpieces.

4. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the driving line ~~(10)~~ is ~~designed as a~~ roller conveyor ~~(6)~~ which ~~can be~~ is driven.

5. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein two central drives ~~(1)~~ are provided.

6. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim ~~1~~ 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the two central drives ~~(1)~~ are arranged on both sides of the driving line ~~(10)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one spur gear ~~(9)~~ is provided, the driving line ~~(10)~~ is ~~designed as a~~ roller conveyor ~~(6)~~ which ~~can be~~ is driven and the couplings ~~(2)~~ are connected with ~~the roller(s)~~ at least one roller of the roller conveyors ~~(6)~~ of the respective sections ~~(3)~~ by ~~means of~~ the spur gear ~~(9)~~ ~~in order to derive, respectively transfer, the turning moment.~~

8. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein chain drives ~~(7)~~ are provided in the respective ~~section(s) (3)~~ sections which transfer ~~the~~ a turning moment via toothed wheels ~~(7/2)~~ and chains ~~(7/1)~~ from the ~~coupling(s) (2)~~ couplings to the rollers of the driving line ~~(10) designed as a roller conveyor (6) which can be driven.~~

9. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim ~~±~~ 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the rollers of the driving line ~~(10) designed as a roller conveyor (6) which can be~~ are driven and are connected to each other in the individual sections ~~(3)~~ by ~~means of the~~ chain drives ~~(7) without slip or with little~~ minimal slip.

10. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one of the sections ~~(3)~~ is designed in such a way that ~~it can be~~ the at least one section is one of switched on, ~~respectively~~ switched off, ~~and/or~~ and the sections ~~can be~~ driven independently from each other.

11. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim ~~±~~ 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one of the rollers of the driving line ~~(10) designed as a roller conveyor (6) which can be driven~~ in the respective section ~~(3)~~ is designed in

such a way that it ~~can be~~ is one of switched on, ~~respectively and~~
switched off.

12. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one of the couplings ~~(2)~~ is designed in such a way that ~~it can be~~ the at least one coupling is at least one of switched on, ~~respectively switched~~ off, ~~and/or the couplings (2) are~~ and controlled by at least one of a magnetic, electromagnetic, ~~mechanic~~ mechanical, pneumatic ~~and/or~~ and hydraulic circuit.

13. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a chain drive ~~(7)~~ is provided and ~~the~~ a size of the coupling ~~(2)~~ is adapted to ~~the~~ a size of the chain drive ~~(7)~~.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the couplings ~~(2)~~ are formed by a stationary clutch disc ~~(2/1)~~, a clutch disc ~~(2/2)~~ ~~which can~~ move moving longitudinally in ~~the~~ a direction of ~~the~~ a drive shaft ~~(5)~~ as well as ~~the~~ a coupling housing ~~(2/3)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that for~~ wherein the drive of the driving line ~~(10) designed as~~ includes a roller conveyor ~~(6) which can be driven by a spur gear (9) is provided comprising~~ including a spur wheel ~~(9/1)~~ and a pinion ~~(9/2)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) Conveying device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the driving line ~~(10)~~ has two longitudinal frameworks, each framework has at least one of a roller conveyor ~~(6) of the driving line (10) and /or and~~ at least one framework ~~carries~~ carrying a driven roller conveyor ~~(6) which can be driven.~~

18. (Currently Amended) Production line with ~~a~~ the conveying device according to claim 1.